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"FRIGHTFULNESS AS CHRISTIANITY"

SIR,—I have read and reread with much interest Mr. Swift's article in a recent number of the REVIEW, "Frightfulness as Christianity." It has cleared up in my mind several perplexing questions *re* the constant appeal by the German people to God. I find it was a God of their own making. I believe this article is so important that it should be printed in all languages and distributed to all civilized peoples, lest civilization perish from off the earth.

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SIR,—I want to thank you for the article entitled "Frightfulness as Christianity." I had the pleasure of pursuing post-graduate work in the University of Berlin and living at the hub of German thought. Hence I know from personal contact that Mr. Swift's point of view respecting German psychology and theology is absolutely correct. That essay is a masterpiece and is worth the price of the REVIEW. I only wish that it might be reprinted in pamphlet form and placed in the hands of every American citizen.

RICHARD R. BLEWS.

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WHY GERMANY SHOULD NOT BE VICTORIOUS

SIR,—During the past year THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW has had such liberal articles on the War that I am presuming to ask you, though I feel you are in sympathy with the Allies, to write a very few lines setting forth your reasons why it would be disastrous to civilization if Germany should be victorious. Repeatedly one hears the cry that such would be the outcome. Having known in an intimate way several English and German families it does not seem to the writer that all the Barnes Newcomes have been either exterminated or transported to Germany, nor that only Colonel Newcomes are left in England; and having read with considerable care Andrew D. White's Autobiography, it does not appear to me that city government, schools or universities would be placed in jeopardy if forced to come under Germany's control or influence.

L. EARLE.

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[To avoid repetition, we would suggest perusal of the article by Morrison I. Swift published in the April number of this REVIEW.—EDITOR.]

MR. KENNAN MISUNDERSTOOD

SIR,—In the closing paragraph of my letter on "The Psychology of Mr. Roosevelt," published in the REVIEW for May, I made a reference to a statement of Professor Ripley with regard to alleged "orders from Washington" received by "the Commission." I have just been informed by Mr. Ripley that the "Commission" he had in mind was the United States Industrial Commission of 1901. I supposed that he meant the Interstate Commerce Commission, for the reason that he referred in the same paragraph to testimony taken by the latter Commission in February, 1907. As the witness of whom he speaks seems to have been examined May 22, 1901, the

orders to "apply the soft pedal" could not have been given by President Roosevelt, as he did not become President until September of that year. It was misled by Professor Ripley's use of the indefinite word "commission" in the same paragraph that referred to the testimony taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1907.

GEORGE KENNAN.

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PATRIOTISM ABOVE PARTY

SIR,—I have read with interest your articles in recent issues of **THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW**.

It seems to me this is a time for patriotism irrespective of party.

We want universal service, and I shall vote for that man who will get it for us irrespective of party. I also favor Dr. Humphreys's stand on military instruction.

I note your attitude on Secretary Daniels, and feel that if we fight hard we shall get what we want.

HENRY TORRANCE.

TENAFLY, N. J.